

July 2014 Newsletter from Executive Councilor Kenney

Representing all the towns and cities in the counties of Coos and Grafton, the unincorporated place of Hale's Location, the towns of Albany, Alton, Andover, Bartlett, Brookfield, Center Harbor, Chatham, Conway, Cornish, Croydon, Danbury, Eaton, Effingham, Freedom, Gilford, Grantham, Hart's Location, Hill, Jackson, Madison, Meredith, Middleton, Milton, Moultonborough, New Durham, New Hampton, New London, Newport, Ossipee, Plainfield, Sanbornton, Sandwich, Springfield, Sunapee, Tamworth, Tilton, Tuftonboro, Wakefield, Wilmot, and Wolfeboro, and the cities of Claremont and Laconia

My fourth month on the job as your new Executive Councilor was full of new activity that included a public hearing I chaired on a major bond issue for Dartmouth Hitchcock Hospital and the review of a public employee indemnification case. There were two Executive Council meetings: one on July 2nd in Concord and the other on July 16th held at the Hanover Inn near Dartmouth College, Hanover. The Council voted on approximately 200 contracts. There were 18 confirmations, 16 nominations and 9 resignations for Boards and Commissions. Additionally, several civil commission appointments were made.

Several citizens at the beginning of the Council meetings were recognized for their achievements and volunteer work within the State of New Hampshire. The Governor and Council always has some young musicians who perform before the meeting and it is a great way to see the young musical talent in our state. If anyone in my District would like to perform please let me know.

This month saw me attending quite a few public events, reviewing some infrastructure projects, fielding numerous constituent requests, attending an Employment Security Job Fair and recognizing some state employees.

July 3 – Attended the wake of the fallen hero, Lance Cpl. Brandon Garabrant, United State Marine Corps of Temple, NH at Con Val High School in Peterborough. He was an extraordinary public servant and fine young gentleman. He will be greatly missed.

June 4 – Attended the Woodsville Fourth of July Parade and event along with many great community citizens. I took a tour of Waterville Valley Fourth and July activities. In Sugar Hill, I presented Roger Aldrich with a State Proclamation, recognizing his contributions to the formation of Sugar Hill in 1962. Sugar Hill is the newest NH town and Mr. Aldrich is now 91 years of age.

June 5 - Attended the Franconia Day Parade and accompanied the Ray Burton Cadillac which was purchased by Attorney Bill Walker. I also attended the last part of the Lincoln Day Parade.

July 10 – I attended a meeting with Sustainable Energy Funding Program, Cimbria Badenbausen; Berlin City Manager, James Wheeler; Tri County CAP Director, Michael Coughlin; Tri County CAP, Peter Higbee and Assistant Superintendent, Bryan Lamirande of SAU 3 at the Tri County CAP building in Berlin to discuss energy audits and savings. I was the Luncheon Guest speaker at the Gorham/Berlin Rotary meeting at the Yokohama Restaurant in Gorham. I also attended the NPR Exchange forum with Laura Knoy that discussed North Country Main Street and Economic Development at the Colonial Theatre in Bethlehem.

June 15 – Chaired the \$41 million bond issue for Dartmouth-Hitchcock Hospital in Lebanon with Dave Bliss, Executive Director of NH Health and Education Facilities Authority, Attorney Bill Tucker and Dartmouth-Hitchcock CFO, Robin Kilfeather-Mackey. I had a tour of the hospital facility and visited the President of Lebanon College, Ronald Biron to discuss their future capital plans.

June 16 - Visited constituent from Laconia at the Mary Hitchcock Memorial Hospital Intensive Care Unit in Lebanon, NH.

July 18 - Attended the Haverhill Job Fair held at the Haverhill Town Hall Auditorium with Commissioner George Copadis of Employment Security and his staff. Employers: 28; Jobs available: 520; Veterans: 8 and 78 total job seekers. A nice job done! Visited owners of the Rustic Log Cabin in Lisbon. Visited constituents on Lyman Road in Lyman to discuss the condition of the road and why it has remained in poor condition for years. Visited Cannon Mountain in Franconia to follow up on Tram electric box replacement.

July 19 - Attended Moultonville Church dinner in Ossipee, NH.

July 20 - Visited "Thomas The Train" in North Conway with Don Provencher, Fred Smith and owner Russ Seybold of Conway Scenic Railroad. Mr. Seybold gave me a tour of his facility. We had breakfast at the North Conway Masonic Lodge. Attended the 135th Anniversary of the "Little White Church" in Eaton.

July 22 - Attended the Council Indemnification hearing for Correctional Officer Brian Hill in Concord to determine if he would be covered by the State after being dismissed from his job. The overall vote was against indemnification.

July 25 - Visited the Holiday Center in Berlin to speak to the outgoing Executive Director, Lisa Watson and the Board President, Margaret McClellan about future state funding.

July 26 - Attended the Enfield Shaker Historic Marker Dedication in the Down Town Village. Attended the Haverhill Fair. Both great occasions!

July 28 - Attended the Lakes Region Planning Commission meeting at the middle school in Laconia to discuss new wetland rules. Also, visited the Laconia Council meeting.

July 29 - Attended the Effingham Historic Library Social. Climbed Green Mountain in Effingham with my son to inspect the State Fire Tower.

July 31 - Attended the retirement celebration of Aldea D'Alfonso at the Berlin Employment Security Office to honor her for 37 years of dedicated service to the State of New Hampshire.

There were many calls during the month as well as emails, please note that my email address is: joseph.kenney@nh.gov and my cell phone number is 581-8780. If you have someone or an organization that wants to be put on my email distribution list, please let me know.

Let me know what I can do to help solve your problem.

Sincerely,

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